Project" and 'Dam Safety Project'. The Central Assistance is released to the state Government enblock and not tied up to individual projects.

Sea Erosion Zones

2610. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the sea erosion zones in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) the extent of land in the State of Orissa which falls under the sea-erosion zones;

(d) the steps taken by Government to check further erosion of land from sea in that State; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) and (b) The maritime States have identified the erosion prone coastal reaches with critical spots. It is reported that 560 Kilometre Coast line of Kerala and 300 kilometre coast line in Karnataka is subjected to sea erosion. In other maritime States, erosion prone coastal reaches are confined to isolated locations.

(c) to (e) As reported by the State Government, the Orissa Coast is experiencing erosion in some reaches confined mostly to the areas north of Paradeep Port, Hukitola Island. The erosion is also experienced at Gopalpur, Chilka lake mouth, Kushabhadra river mouth, Jatadhor Mohana and Penta Satabhaya region.

The protection against coastal erosion is the responsibility of the State Government. A number of steps by way of construction of anti-sea-erosion works like see walls, revetments have been undertaken by the Government of Orissa to check erosion of the Coast.

Renovation and Rehabilitation of Irrigation Projects in Orissa

2611. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the renovation and rehabilitation of irrigation projects in Orissa have not been undertaken effectively;

(b) if so, the main factors responsible therefor;

(c) whether the constraint of resources is the main reason; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to enhance allocation of funds to Orissa for the renovation and rehabilitation of the irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has earmarked an outlay of Rs. 157.79 crores for 16 ongoing modernisation schemes of orissa in VIII Plan. In addition an outlay of Rs. 35 crores has been provided for new modernisation schemes of orissa in VIII Plan.

Cooperation with Japan for Irrigation

2612. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established cooperation with Japan in the field of irrigation;

(b) if so, the number of irrigation programme projects funded by the Government of Japan;

(c) whether any such project is located in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Two Irrigation Projects, namely, Upper Indravati Irrigation Project and Upper Kolab Irrigation Project in Orissa are being implemented with the Japanese loan assistance of Yen 3774 Million and Yen 3769 Million respectively.